

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

# **GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

**JANUARY 2008**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

**Funding Round 2008B**

**Grants and Loans  
to  
Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations  
for  
Open Space Acquisition and Park Development**

**Recommended for Funding  
to the  
Garden State Preservation Trust**



**Jon S. Corzine**  
**Governor**

**Lisa P. Jackson**  
**Commissioner**

## **THE GREEN ACRES MISSION**

*To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces,  
whose protection will preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic,  
scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.*

### **General Overview**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected almost 620,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acres of protected open space and farmland across the State has exceeded 1.35 million acres.

The protection of New Jersey's environmentally sensitive open space, vital water resources, and significant natural and historic resources is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by all New Jerseyans. Preserved open space protects our water supply, protects sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth, and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

Quality open space and attractive recreational facilities in cities, suburbs, and other developed communities throughout New Jersey help to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors and help to create an environment where people want to live and work.

Thanks to the leadership of Governor Jon S. Corzine and the state legislature, funding was included in the state's FY08 budget to fund acquisition and park development projects. In addition, funding from project cancellations and withdrawals is being made available.

### **Current Approvals**

This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$38.2 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$16.6 million for the development of local parks and recreational facilities, \$5 million for acquisition projects by

nonprofit organizations, and \$3.4 million for recreational development by nonprofits.

Funding is provided for land acquisition in rural, urban and suburban communities throughout New Jersey. Funding for park development is provided to create new parks and to upgrade existing recreational facilities in our communities.

### **Funding Formula**

Awards to local government units continue to be based on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. The Program established a category of “Densely/Highly Populated Municipalities” which have a population of at least 35,000 people or a population density greater than 5,000 people per square mile. Funding for densely and highly populated municipalities is derived through the application of a multiplier that recognizes a municipality or county’s population data. The recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust reflect the following factors, assuming that a “base award” is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

#### **County sponsors:**

- More than 5,000 people per square mile – 3 times the base award
- More than 1,000 people per square mile - 2.5 times the base award
- Less than 1,000 people per square mile – 2 times the base award

#### **Municipal sponsors:**

- Urban Aid Communities – 2 times the base award
- Densely/Highly Populated Municipalities – 1.5 times the base award
- All others receive the base award

The multiplication factors and base award will vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. In light of the extremely limited funding, for this funding round, the base award is \$300,000 for acquisition projects and \$250,000 for development projects. In addition, County applicants are limited to two approved

projects; municipal applicants are limited to one project. Project award caps are:

<b>COUNTY SPONSOR</b>	<b>Project Cap</b>	
	<b>Acquisition</b>	<b>Development</b>
Densely Populated	\$ 900,000	\$750,000
Highly Populated	\$ 750,000	\$625,000
Remaining counties	\$ 600,000	\$500,000

<b>MUNICIPAL SPONSOR</b>	<b>Project Cap</b>	
	<b>Acquisition</b>	<b>Development</b>
Urban Aid	\$600,000	\$500,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$450,000	\$375,000
Remaining municipalities	\$300,000	\$250,000

### **Local Acquisition Projects**

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

Local governments acquire a variety of land types for a variety of reasons. Environmentally sensitive lands, historic areas, and sites containing or adjacent to significant water bodies are often acquired for their unique features. In addition, land that does not possess inherently unique or sensitive natural resource characteristics is often acquired because it is suitable for active and passive recreation.

To support the purchase of open space in New Jersey's cities, where opportunities are extremely limited and generally expensive, the funding ratio for the **Urban Aid** acquisition projects is 75% grant, 25% loan, up to the cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent, payable over 30 years. In this funding round, four acquisition projects exceeding \$2.3

million are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities.

In the last several years, many New Jersey local governments have passed, by voter referendum, a tax used for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes. Many have also prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. To encourage and provide support for land acquisition to local governments that have adopted progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category known as the **Planning Incentive Acquisition** category. With these projects, Green Acres anticipates a long-term partnership with the local government where local and state funds can be used to acquire land identified in the local government's plan. Funding in the form of a 50 percent matching grant up to an established cap (based on the population density multiplier), may be augmented in future funding rounds as the local government makes significant progress in its acquisition efforts. In this funding round, Green Acres is approving 86 Planning Incentive applications totaling more than \$31.9 million.

Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax or an approved alternative funding method, but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a 50 percent matching grant under the **Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition** category. These awards are made for a specific project site. To qualify for additional funding, a local government in this category must file a new application. In this funding round, eight local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling more than \$2.1 million.

Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for funding under the **Standard Acquisition** category. The award is a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a low-interest loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, seven acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category, for a total of more than \$1.8 million.

### **Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects**

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Recreation needs are

as diverse as the people who play. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life. This round of projects includes \$16.6 million in grants and loans for 38 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

The protection of open space and the provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities are high priorities. To further support park development in Urban Aid communities, these projects will receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan, up to the cap. Projects sponsored by Densely Populated Counties also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to the cap. This round, a total of \$12.3 million in grants and loans are being approved for 24 development projects in **Urban Aid** municipalities or sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties** across New Jersey.

Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties, will receive a 25 percent grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap. Grants and loans for eight development projects in **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities**, or sponsored by **Highly Populated Counties**, are being approved, for nearly \$2.9 million.

Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap under the **Standard Development** category. An additional \$1.4 million in loans will be awarded for six park development projects in such communities.

### **Nonprofit Projects**

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations.

Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition

statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties. In this funding round, \$5 million is being approved for acquisition projects by 15 nonprofit organizations. Due to extremely limited funding, nonprofit acquisition projects generally are being capped at \$250,000 in matching grants. Larger funding awards are being awarded to those regional or statewide preservation organizations that have shown significant progress in acquiring land and spending previously approved Green Acres funding. In addition, 18 recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations are being approved, for a total of \$3.4 million. Nonprofit development projects are capped at \$200,000 in matching grants.

Funding for all Green Acres projects is contingent upon the Legislature's passage of an appropriation bill.

## **LOCAL PROJECTS**

### **Atlantic County**

#### **Brigantine City**

##### **St. Phillips School Property Acquisition**

The City of Brigantine is proposing to purchase St. Phillips Apostle School property located at 4101 West Brigantine Avenue. The property is located in a residential district adjacent to a recreation complex and the City would like to preserve the property as open space for recreational purposes. The City will acquire the 1.2 acre grounds using Green Acres and Atlantic County open space funding.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

#### **Egg Harbor Twp**

##### **Bargaintown Park**

The Township of Egg Harbor is creating a multi-use facility for active and passive recreation at the municipally owned Bargaintown Park. Specifically, this proposal includes: construction of two full size soccer fields, two basketball courts, four tennis courts, a Babe Ruth size baseball/softball field, access road with parking lots, tot lot and walking trails throughout.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**

#### **Linwood City**

##### **Park Acquisition**

Linwood City is proposing to acquire a 0.25 acre parcel located on West Garfield Avenue. The property currently has a structure on it, which will be demolished to create open space. The property is located in a densely populated neighborhood and is adjacent to the Seaview



elementary school. Once acquired, the property will become part of Seaview Park and will be developed for recreational use.

**\$58,750 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

### **Ventnor City**

#### **Rehabilitation of Ventnor Fishing Pier**

To meet the high demand for recreational facilities along barrier islands, the City of Ventnor proposes to demolish an existing dilapidated fishing pier and the ancillary structures located on the boardwalk at Cambridge Avenue. Once demolished, the City will install new pilings and create a new fishing pier with a support building.

**\$375,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Bergen County**

### **Allendale Boro**

#### **Orchard Park Acquisition**

The Borough of Allendale seeks funding to acquire a three acre parcel that will become a passive park. The preservation of this site will protect one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels in downtown Allendale. The site, located on West Orchard Road and Franklin Turnpike, has been approved for development. Once preserved, the site will be known as Orchard Park.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **East Rutherford Boro**

#### **Two Carlton Avenue Passive Park**

East Rutherford would like to acquire a 0.93 acre parcel of land on Carlton Avenue to link planned and existing recreational facilities along the Passaic River in East Rutherford and Rutherford. Once acquired, the Borough will transform this abandoned industrial site, currently a Brownfields site, into a greenbelt linking East Rutherford's park system. The Borough sees this site as the critical missing piece in its vision of a planned park expansion.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

### **Edgewater Boro**

#### **Grand Cove Marina Dredging**

Edgewater Borough proposes to redevelop and dredge the Grand Cove Marina, located on River Road. The marina will provide waterfront access to the Hudson River. Visitors will be able to enjoy views of the New York City skyline from a pedestrian walkway along the water's edge.

The Borough used Green Acres funding for the acquisition of the property.

**\$375,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Garfield City**

### **Historic Dundee Dam Pedestrian Way and Preserve**

With funding from the Green Acres Program, Garfield City is in the process of creating a linear park along the Passaic River, in the vicinity of the Dundee Dam, where General Post crossed the Passaic River during the Revolutionary War. The City anticipates that the park will have two levels, one at the top of the bank containing pathways for walking, jogging and biking, as well as access to the river's edge from the lower level. The park will provide areas to view the magnificent Dundee Dam and abundant river wildlife.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Paramus Boro**

### **Soldier Hill Park**

Paramus Borough would like to acquire a 35 acre parcel known as the Soldier Hill tract, located on Soldier Hill Road. The site has forested wetlands and is home to a number of wildlife species. Soldier Hill Brook, a Category-one watercourse, crosses the site and leads to the Musquapsink Brook and, in turn, the Oradell Reservoir. Once acquired, the property will be an addition to Paramus Borough's Reid Park.

**\$112,500 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

## **Rutherford Boro**

### **Rutherford Waterfront Park**

The Borough of Rutherford proposes to create a waterfront park on the Passaic River, along Riverside Avenue. The proposal includes removal of the old bulkhead, shoreline

restoration, development of a public park area with a natural tidal pool, and the installation of a boat ramp. The new park is adjacent to a circa 1920 boathouse that has been restored through private sector contributions and volunteer labor. The park will serve as an attractive recreational resource, enhancing the local community and the Passaic River waterfront, while also advancing the Passaic River Restoration Plan.

**\$236,325 Loan Award**

**\$ 78,775 Matching Grant Award**

**\$315,100 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Burlington County**

### **Westampton Twp**

#### **Sports Complex**

Westampton Township proposes to develop recreation fields on land located on Rancocas Road (County Route 626) that was previously acquired with Green Acres funding. The project includes construction of four baseball/softball fields, an all-purpose field area, a walking trail, a concessions/restrooms/storage building, an access road, and a parking area.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**

## **Camden County**

### **Camden City**

#### **Stockton Station Park and Greenway**

Development of Stockton Station Park in Camden City will help meet the recreational needs of the community and help stabilize the surrounding neighborhood by providing a safe and healthy environment for families to play in and enjoy. Once a contaminated Superfund site, the new park is being constructed in tandem with a greenway project and it sits across from a recently completed housing development. Extensive community outreach played a major role in finalizing the plans for this park. Improvements will include a handball court, a combination soccer/football field, outdoor adult gym equipment, fencing, lighting, scoreboards, and landscaping.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Pennsauken Twp**

#### **Community Recreation Facility**

Pennsauken Township plans to develop a community recreation facility at Westfield and Bethel avenues. Plans include soccer fields, basketball courts, a skate park, multipurpose exercise path, and a community center. This development is critical to the future plans that Pennsauken has for its waterfront. This revitalized site will serve as the gateway and greenway to the waterfront redevelopment area.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Cape May County**

### **Cape May City**

#### **Cape May City Open Space**

Cape May City is coordinating the purchase and preservation of the last large tract of open space in the City (approximately 80 acres), the Sewell Point tract. The tract is environmentally sensitive and provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and migrating wildlife, particularly neo-tropical songbirds and raptors. The wetlands on the site are of exceptional resource value, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has included the site on its list of Priority Wetlands in the State of New Jersey because of the intrinsic habitat values that exist for State and Federal endangered species.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Lower Twp**

#### **Fulling Mill Sanctuary Extension Acquisition**

Lower Township would like to acquire a 13 acre site located at the end of Greenwood Avenue. The parcel is adjacent to the New Jersey Audubon Society's Fulling Mill Sanctuary. The site is forested with oak, pine and hardwood swamp communities, and features documented habitat for several threatened and endangered species including Red Shouldered Hawk, Barred Owl and Eastern Tiger Salamander. The wetlands are part of the headwaters area of Fulling Mill Creek, a tributary draining to Delaware Bay. There is an existing hiking trail on the property, and the public is currently using the site for passive recreation.

**\$132,875 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

### **Ocean City**

#### **Multi Park ADA Accessibility**

Ocean City is requesting Green Acres assistance to ensure that recreational facilities at two of its parks are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Specifically, at

North Street Park and 34th Street Park, the city proposes to install a rubberized safety surface at the playgrounds. This will accommodate the needs of the year-round residents as well as the large summer visitor population.

**\$200,000 Loan Award**  
**Standard Development**



## **Essex County**

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#### **Essex County Park Plaza**

Essex County proposes to create a passive recreation area on the site of the former County parking garage bounded by Thirteenth Avenue, Howard Street, West Market Street, and Wickliffe Street in Newark. Adjacent to the County's Hall of Records, the 2.7 acre park will provide a restful haven in a high traffic area with sparse open space. The County anticipates that area residents, students from nearby schools, and people who work in the vicinity will enjoy the outdoors and peaceful atmosphere created by beautiful landscaping, a fountain, pathways, and benches.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely Populated County**

### **Essex County**

#### **Multi-Parks Improvements**

For several years Essex County has pursued an ambitious plan to improve its park system. Initially the County focused on its urban parks, including Branch Brook Park, Vailsburg Park, and Ivy Hill Park all located in Newark; Watsessing Park located in East Orange City and Bloomfield Township; Orange Park in Orange City Township, and Irvington Park in Irvington Township. Since that time, the scope has been expanded to include all of the County Parks described in the Master Plan, as well as new parks, such as Kip's Castle, located in Montclair and Cedar Grove Townships.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely Populated County**

## **Bloomfield Twp**

### **Bloomfield Multi Parks**

Bloomfield Township proposes improvements to Clark's Pond South, located at Dewey Street off Broughton Avenue, and Vassar Field, located at Day Street behind St. Thomas Church and School on Byrd Avenue. Proposed improvements include new fencing, installation of synthetic turf on the baseball and softball fields, reconstruction of the basketball court at Vassar Field, installation of a wind screen around the tennis courts, and installation of a restroom at Clark's Pond South.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Irvington Twp**

### **Orange Avenue Park Development**

The Township of Irvington proposes to renovate Orange Avenue Park in phases. Phase I includes reconstruction of a tennis court, resurfacing 2 basketball courts and renovations to the interior and exterior of the existing community building, which supports the outdoor recreation. Phase II includes upgrading a baseball field, repairing and replacing existing lighting, and installing new playground equipment. Finally, the Township proposes to install a security system with video cameras for the safety and benefit of the park users.

**\$ 62,500 Loan Award**

**\$ 62,500 Matching Grant Award**

**\$125,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Maplewood Twp**

### **Maplewood Playing Fields Improvement**

The Township of Maplewood, in a public/private partnership with various nonprofit

organizations, proposes to upgrade the current athletic fields and lighting system at DeHart Park. Additionally, the Township desires to increase handicap-accessibility to the fields.

**\$ 87,250 Loan Award**

**\$287,750 Matching Grant Award**

**\$375,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Newark City**

#### **Jesse Allen Park**

Newark City, in partnership with nonprofit organizations, proposes to redevelop Jesse Allen Park, located at 41-57 Avon Avenue, between Irvine Turner Boulevard and Somerset Street in Newark's Central Ward. The proposal includes public plazas for gathering, pedestrian corridors, a playground, athletic courts, a multi-purpose field, and a passive recreational area.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Orange City Twp**

#### **Bell Stadium Rehabilitation**

The City of Orange, in cooperation with the Orange City Board of Education, proposes to renovate Bell Stadium, located at Bell and Madison Streets. The City holds a long term lease for the property, which is owned by the Board of Education. Originally constructed in the 1940's, the facilities were renovated previously with Green Acres assistance. Due to the intense use of the facilities, the Stadium is now in need of field and track improvements, new fencing, seating,

parking improvements, improved drainage and a new scoreboard.

**\$ 28,225 Loan Award**

**\$471,775 Matching Grant Award**

**\$500,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **South Orange Twp**

### **Rahway River Greenway**

The Township of South Orange proposes to rehabilitate a section of parkland adjacent to the East Branch of the Rahway River. The initial phase of this project includes invasive plant species eradication, grading, plantings for riverbank stabilization, bridge approaches and minor pathway improvements, tree plantings, benches, signage, and pathway resurfacing.

**\$212,500 Loan Award**

**\$162,500 Matching Grant Award**

**\$375,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Verona Twp**

### **Development at Hilltop Park Phase II**

The Township of Verona proposes to develop Hilltop Park, located at White Rock Road, with both active and passive recreation. Development will include construction of a synthetic baseball field and multi-purpose synthetic field for football, soccer, and lacrosse (both with grandstands), restroom facilities and storage building, basketball courts, bocce alleys, a play area, a parking area, and lighting.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**

## **Gloucester County**

### **Woodbury City**

#### **Multi Parks Development**

The City of Woodbury is seeking Green Acres assistance to implement a development program designed to improve several of their parks for active and passive recreation. At the Woodbury Soccer Complex, the City wishes to create three regulation soccer fields and construct concrete walkways throughout the site and parking. Additionally, the proposed project will include site clearing, grading and demolition of three buildings on site.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$500,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Hudson County**

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#### **Lincoln Park Athletic Fields**

Hudson County proposes to reconstruct the existing baseball fields 10 and 11 with synthetic turf in Lincoln Park, located in Jersey City. The outfields will be built with an overlay striped for football and soccer. The synthetic surface will allow for extended play with no down time due to wear and weather conditions. The project also proposes enhancements to the existing sports lighting, permanent bleachers, and new fencing around the facility.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely Populated County**

### **Bayonne City**

#### **Harbor View Park**

Bayonne City proposes to develop a waterfront park at the former Military Ocean Terminal pier. The park centerpiece will be the 100 foot monument that will serve as a memorial to those who perished in the World Trade Center attacks. The initial phase will be bulkhead improvements to prepare for the walkway extension. Other features include a great lawn, amphitheater seating, landscaping, and a 2.4 mile extension of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. The finished park will allow for world class views of the Harbor, Statue of Liberty, Manhattan skyline, and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Guttenberg Town**

#### **Guttenberg Town Riverfront Park**

The Town of Guttenberg plans to address town recreation needs by developing its first

waterfront park. This project, located on 7100 River Road, will extend the Hudson River walkway and allow residents their only access to the Hudson River in Guttenberg. The project will include landscaping, walking areas, rest rooms, parking, an amphitheater, and associated programming.

**\$281,625 Loan Award**

**\$ 38,875 Matching Grant Award**

**\$320,500 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Hoboken City**

### **1600 Park Development**

The City of Hoboken wishes to install drainage and artificial turf at the newly acquired 1600 Park Avenue site. Recently acquired with Green Acres funds, this once industrial site will be transformed and used primarily for open play. The park will be an extension of the green space at Hoboken Cove Park and the 16th Street Pier. It will be linked by a pedestrian connection under the Pennsylvania Avenue viaduct. Drainage and artificial turf will be installed to allow for immediate play, team practices, picnicking and special events. Future plans will include basketball, tennis and handball courts, park walls, benches, lighting, paving, landscaping and other amenities.

**\$500,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Jersey City**

### **Boyd McGuinness Park Expansion**

Boyd McGuinness Park is a small 2 acre pocket park on JFK Boulevard in Jersey City. The park has a 1950's era memorial, lawn panels and seating areas. Seniors are the largest user group of the park as it sits next to the senior housing complex. The City plans to acquire

two vacant parcels adjacent to the park to double its size.

**\$143,750 Loan Award**

**\$431,250 Matching Grant Award**

**\$575,000 Total**

**Land Acquisition**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Kearny Town**

### **Multi Park Playgrounds**

Kearny Town intends to upgrade playgrounds at four of its parks to meet current recreation safety standards. The improvements and safety equipment installation will take place at Pettigrew, Tappan, Manor Park, and Milligan Playground. The facilities will be developed for toddlers and young children. Equipment and safety surfaces will be replaced as well as any other deficiencies related to substandard playground conditions.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Weehawken Twp**

### **Waterfront Multi Use Pavilion**

The Weehawken Waterfront Park consists of 16 acres along the Hudson River, along Harbor Boulevard and Port Imperial Boulevard. In the second phase of its development plan, Weehawken Township will make additional recreational improvements to the park. Weehawken will add an outdoor ice hockey rink with surrounding deck, an open space pavilion, and floor cover to convert the rink into basketball courts in the warmer months. These additions will complement the existing facilities, which include ball fields, a running track, tennis courts, tot lots, amphitheater, exercise stations, concession stands, a bathroom, and a walkway that



connects to the waterfront. Part of the park was acquired with Green Acres funding.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Hunterdon County**

### **Lambertville City**

#### **Lambertville Open Space Project**

The City of Lambertville will acquire a 16 acre tract of land on Music Mountain. The property contains steep woodlands affording a view of the historic city. The acquisition will provide for a public natural area with nature trail.

**\$175,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Mercer County**

### **Hamilton Twp**

#### **Shady Brook Pond**

Hamilton Township is proposing to restore Shady Brook Pond within Shady Brook Park. The Township proposes to remove invasive plants and dredge the pond to improve water quality, expand flood control, and enhance its recreational value. Since Shady Brook Pond drains into the Hamilton-Trenton Marsh, restoration of the pond will help protect Delaware River water quality.

**\$281,250 Loan Award**

**\$ 93,750 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 375,000 Total Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Trenton City**

#### **Greg Grant Park**

The City plans to develop the former V&S site on East State Street, previously acquired with Green Acres funds, into the new Greg Grant Park. The plan includes a state-of-the-art basketball facility and new play equipment that will replace the components of the old park. There will also be a splash pool, picnic pavilion, restroom, paths, open lawn, seating, and other amenities. Programming will include basketball leagues, arts and crafts, and concerts.

**\$350,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Middlesex County**

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#### **New Brunswick Landing**

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick are seeking additional funding to construct a dock near the Richmond Street pedestrian overpass, adjacent to the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath. The structure, which includes a fixed dock connecting to a floating dock, will provide accommodations for recreational boats and afford access to the Raritan River from New Brunswick, as well as access from the river to New Brunswick City's Boyd Park, the towpath, and the downtown area. The plans include dredging a channel to allow access to the dock and upland amenities, including walkways, parking, and an access drive. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

**\$625,000 Loan Award**

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**\$500,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Old Bridge Twp**

### **Cottrell Farm Acquisition**

Old Bridge Township seeks to preserve historic Cottrell Farm and another lot totaling approximately 64 acres. The 28 acre farmstead, located on Cottrell Road and County Route 516, contains an historic two-story house dating back to 1831. The second parcel, also on Cottrell Road, is 36 acres of woodlands that has been nominated as a high priority acquisition site as part of the Harbor Estuary Program. This property contains the Warnes and Tennet Brooks, which flow into the Raritan River via Manalapan Brook.

**\$600,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Land Acquisition**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Perth Amboy City**

### **Willow Pond Park**

Perth Amboy City proposes improvements to Willow Pond Park to increase public access, ensure public safety, and expand recreational opportunities at the site. The proposed design for Willow Pond includes a new boardwalk, footbridge, floating dock, and fishing/skating dock. New pond aerators and a cleanup vessel will enhance the water quality of the pond and associated wetlands. Other proposed park improvements include fencing, a picnic area, covered seating area, storage building, landscaping, and playground and walkway upgrades.

**\$220,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Piscataway Twp**

### **Piscataway Open Space Acquisition**

Piscataway Township's open space plan includes the acquisition of the last large contiguous

open space in the township which will serve to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. The total acreage of the planned acquisition is more than 137 acres. The short-term plans for the site includes the demolition and removal of structures found not to be suitable for future recreational use, and a general cleanup of the property. The long-term plans for the site include creating paths and trails for both walking and biking and creating open space play areas for multiple uses including soccer fields. The goal is to create a predominately passive park and to conserve open space.

**\$450,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Monmouth County**

### **Belmar Boro**

#### **River Road Acquisition**

Belmar Borough proposes to acquire a set of parcels, totaling nearly one acre of land, along Shark River. The properties are currently occupied by various old buildings and small businesses. These acquisitions will provide public access and increase existing greenways and pedestrian pathways proposed for the Seaport Redevelopment Area. This acquisition project will create additional recreation and conservation areas and will enhance the waterfront view.

**\$193,025 Loan Award**

**\$256,975 Matching Grant Award**

**\$450,000 Total**

**Standard Acquisition**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Hazlet Twp**

#### **225 Middle Road**

Hazlet Township is acquiring approximately 1.8 acres of land on Middle Road. The wooded property contains wetlands and uplands. Already approved for development, the site instead will be preserved and maintained for habitat protection and passive recreational use.

**\$206,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Neptune Twp**

#### **South Riverside Drive Waterfront**

The Township of Neptune plans to acquire multiple parcels totaling approximately 8 acres along Riverside Drive on the Shark River. The land is being acquired for conservation,

shoreline stabilization, flood control and environmental measures. Acquisition of the land will help protect the water resources of the Shark River.

**\$600,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Land Acquisition**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Spring Lake Heights Boro**

#### **Fletcher Property Acquisition**

Spring Lake Heights Borough wishes to acquire one of the few remaining large lots in this small municipality. The property, located along Allaire Road, is adjacent to the existing Joseph E. Robertson Park and will allow for both wildlife conservation and expansion of recreation facilities.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Wall Twp**

#### **Ridge Road Sand Mine Acquisition**

Wall Township plans to acquire 82+/- acres of what is now a sand mine on Ridgewood Road to add to its open space needs for active outdoor recreation and conservation uses. The property is in close proximity to municipal, state and county parks within the area and will serve as a central connection point.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**



## **Morris County**

### **Chester Boro**

#### **Chester Open Space Acquisition**

Chester Borough plans to acquire a series of properties for preservation. The Borough's top priority is the Lucent tract. This property contains 111-acres, 66 of which will be acquired as passive parkland/open space. The Lucent tract is located off Main Street and it will serve as a link to a community wide greenbelt. This acquisition project will involve neighboring municipalities and various partners.

**\$260,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Ocean County**

### **Brick Twp**

#### **Multi Park Development**

Brick Township seeks funding to renovate six township parks in an effort to provide close to home recreation opportunities and facilities for the community and enhance the overall use of the parks.

- (1) At Bernard J. Cooke Memorial Field (6.65 acres), the township seeks to improve grading and drainage and upgrade the irrigation system. Improved walkways, landscaping, and parking as well as repositioned basketball and tennis courts are also included.
- (2) Frede Park (.91 acres) will be converted to a passive recreation area. Game courts will be replaced by a new field and landscaping buffer. The relocated playground area will get swings and new, safer equipment. Lighting and fencing are also included.
- (3) At Arrowhead Memorial (2.36), the existing t-ball field will be reconfigured and a multi-purpose field will be installed for soccer and lacrosse. The park also needs improved irrigation, grading, landscaping, lighting, and fencing.
- (4) At Drum Point (30.5), the playing surface on the football field will be upgraded to synthetic turf in an effort to extend play and improve storm drainage. The new surface will also allow for multi-port play, such as field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse.
- (5) At Angela Hibbard, the softball field will be regraded and used as a field for soccer and lacrosse. Improvements also include an automatic irrigation system, landscaping, and better drainage. Parking, tennis, and basketball areas will be relocated and new playground equipment will be installed.
- (6) Work at New Arrowhead (Norman J. Sherman) Park, includes restroom renovation, lighting, removal of tennis courts and expansion of softball field, landscape buffer between residential neighborhood and the park, upgraded irrigation, parking, relocation of basketball courts, and upgraded tot lots for 2-5 and 5-10 year olds.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **Pine Beach Boro**

### **Vista Park Development**

Pine Beach Borough acquired this site on Riverside Drive in 1995 to provide additional open space and increase recreational opportunities for its residents. In the existing field area, the Borough intends to renovate the soccer field, and construct new basketball and tennis courts. The cinder track will be removed and reconfigured as a shared-use walkway. Physical fitness equipment will be removed and relocated. The existing viewing stands and associated wooden stairs and retaining walls will be demolished. New bleachers will be installed and the necessary grading and ground preparation will be completed. Also on this site will be a new playground area, a restroom and storage structure, and a picnic area with tables, benches, and other amenities.

Across Riverside Drive along the dock area, much of the existing facilities will be removed due to their present poor condition. They will be replaced with a boat basin that can accommodate approximately 20 boats. The one story boathouse structure will be removed and replaced with a plaza and sitting area that includes landscaping and a gazebo. Existing bulkhead will be replaced and a new dock system with 2 piers extending into the Toms River will be added. There will be a pump out station. The new bulkhead will accommodate an 8-foot wide walkway as part of the Riverside Drive Riverwalk Vista 2000 Enhancement Program. New ornamental fencing, parking, and pedestrian crosswalks will be provided. Also included in the project are professional services, preliminary assessments, and permits. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**

## **Passaic County**

### **Clifton City**

#### **Schultheis Farm**

The City of Clifton is seeking funding assistance toward the purchase of a 5.3 acre property known as Schultheis farm, located along Grove Street. Community Supported Agriculture is being considered as the future use of this site. As a municipality with an open space deficit, the City hopes to preserve all of the remaining farms as open space.

**\$600,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Land Acquisition**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Passaic City**

#### **Boverini Stadium Field Improvements**

The City of Passaic proposes improvements to Boverini Stadium Field, located at 262 River Drive. The City will lease the project site from the Board of Education. The project will include installation of synthetic turf within the boundary of the running track, drainage improvements, and replacement of the track surface.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

### **Paterson City**

#### **Restoration and Revitalization of Pennington Park**

Paterson City, in cooperation with the Passaic River Coalition, plans to restore Pennington Park, located in the Second Ward of the city. The project will include renovating existing athletic fields, re-establishing recreational boating on a portion of the Passaic River and re-landscaping the riverfront along the pedestrian pathway.

**\$500,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

## **West Milford Twp**

### **Apple Acres/ Open Space Acquisition**

West Milford Township is located in the heart of the Highlands region. The Township has identified a few parcels for open space acquisition. The Township's highest priority target for acquisition is a 104 acre tract referred to as Apple Acres. The property contains critical slopes and forest, and wetlands. The Endangered and Nongame Species Program identifies threatened and endangered species sightings on the grassland habitat, forested wetland habitat, and forest habitat on the property. The Town has identified 20 acres of the parcel for active recreation. The Township has secured a grant from the Passaic Open Space Trust Fund for the purchase.

**\$300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Union County**

### **Union County**

#### **Ponderosa Farm Park Development**

The County of Union is seeking to improve recreational opportunities for County residents and the general public by developing a new county park on property previously acquired with Green Acres assistance. Specifically, the County proposes construction of a large patio and creation of gardens and horticultural areas around the Main House, which will be converted by the County to a multi-purpose building. The County proposes to reconstruct the previously existing pond, on the south side of the Main House, for ice skating and fishing along with a pondside deck and gazebo. Additionally, there will be two play areas, a water spray playground and a lawn area. In the north section the County proposes two soccer fields. Furthermore, the County proposes to construct a hiking/jogging path, erect a maintenance building and create a parking lot. Finally, the existing woods in the south portion of the park will be retained and the park will be screened from nearby residences with buffer landscaping.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely Populated County**

### **Elizabeth City**

#### **Livingston Street Recreation Complex**

The City of Elizabeth proposes to expand its open space and recreation opportunities through the development of a multipurpose recreation complex on Livingston Street. The proposal consists of the creation of a lawn area with associated landscaping, a walking/running track, construction of an amphitheater, basketball court, an entrance drive and paved parking lot. This will complement the planned indoor recreation center being built with City funds.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Communities**

**Garwood Boro****Athletic Field Complex Project**

The Borough of Garwood proposes to upgrade their existing ballfield and fieldhouse into a new Athletic Field Complex. This complex will encompass the following: construction of a baseball field, a synthetic multi-purpose field (soccer/field hockey/baseball), a basketball court and bocce ball area. Additionally, this proposed development includes a walking trail, picnic area, garden area, children's play equipment area, gazebo, fieldhouse and parking area.

**\$375,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Warren County**

### **Frelinghuysen Twp**

#### **Frelinghuysen Township Recreation**

Frelinghuysen Township would like to develop its first recreation area. The Township's 2005 active recreation Facilities Needs Assessment identified this property for active recreation due to the fact that it is centrally located and has easy access from main arterial county roads, County Route 661 and County Route 519. This proposal calls for three baseball fields, one soccer field, one basketball and one tennis court, and a walking trail around the perimeter of the property.

**\$250,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**



## PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

### Atlantic County

Atlantic County	Atlantic County Open Space Acq.	\$ 600,000
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### Bergen County

Alpine Boro	Alpine Boro Open Space	\$ 300,000
Cresskill Boro	Cresskill Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Franklin Lakes Boro	Woodside Avenue	\$ 300,000
New Milford Twp	Open Space Preservation Initiative	\$ 450,000
Old Tappan Boro	Old Tappan Acquisition	\$ 53,000
Ridgewood Village	Open Space Project	\$ 300,000

### Burlington County

Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Bordentown Twp	Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Eastampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Evesham Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Moorestown Twp	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 300,000
Mount Laurel Twp	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$ 450,000

### Camden County

Camden County	Open Space Plan	\$ 750,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 450,000
Clementon Boro	Clementon Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Gibbsboro Boro	Greenway Acquisition	\$250,000
Gloucester Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Voorhees Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$300,000

### Essex County

Caldwell Boro	Caldwell      Recreational Complex	\$ 450,000
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Livingston Twp	Township of Livingston Open Space	\$ 300,000
West Orange Twp	West Orange Township Open Space	\$ 450,000

### **Gloucester County**

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 600,000
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### **Hunterdon County**

Hunterdon County	County Open Space Plan	\$ 600,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Franklin Twp	Franklin Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
High Bridge Boro	Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 300,000
Union Twp	Union Township Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
West Amwell Twp	Sourlands/Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000

### **Mercer County**

Mercer County	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
East Windsor Twp	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Princeton Twp	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Robbinsville Twp	Green Links Program	\$ 300,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000

### **Middlesex County**

Middlesex County	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000
East Brunswick Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 450,000
North Brunswick Twp	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 450,000
Sayreville Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
South Brunswick Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000

### **Monmouth County**

Monmouth County	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 750,000
Allentown Boro	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Atlantic Highlands Boro	Atlantic Highlands Boro Open Space	\$ 300,000
Holmdel Twp	Holmdel Planning Incentive Acq.	\$ 300,000
Little Silver Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Manasquan Boro	Manasquan Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Middletown Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Millstone Twp	Millstone Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Ocean Twp	Ocean Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Shrewsbury Boro	Recreation and Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000
Upper Freehold Twp	Upper Freehold Open Space Acq-2000	\$ 300,000

### **Morris County**

Boonton Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Chester Twp	Chester Twp Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
East Hanover Twp	East Hanover Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Florham Park Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Hanover Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Jefferson Twp	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$ 300,000
Kinnelon Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Madison Boro	Madison Borough Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Mendham Twp	Mendham Township Open Space Acq.	\$ 225,000
Mount Olive Twp	Mount Olive Greenway Acq.	\$ 300,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	Parsippany-Troy Hills Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000

### **Ocean County**

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 600,000
Berkeley Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Little Egg Harbor Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000

Manchester Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Open Space and Recreation Acq.	\$ 300,000

#### **Passaic County**

Ringwood Boro	Ringwood Boro Open Space Acq.	\$ 300,000
Wayne Twp	Wayne Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000

#### **Salem County**

Woodstown Boro	Salem River Greenway	\$ 100,000
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#### **Somerset County**

Somerset County	County Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Bedminster Twp	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 300,000
Bernards Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Franklin Twp	Open Space Plan Acq	\$ 300,000
Peapack-Gladstone Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 100,000
Warren Twp	Warren Township Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000

#### **Sussex County**

Sussex County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 450,000
Byram Twp	Byram Open Space Plan	\$ 300,000

#### **Union County**

Union County	Union County Open Space & Recreation	\$ 900,000
New Providence Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000

#### **Warren County**

Alpha Boro	Alpha Boro Open Space	\$ 300,000
Franklin Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 300,000
Hardwick Twp	Hardwick Twp Open Space	\$ 300,000
Harmony Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000

# **NONPROFIT PROJECTS**

## **Above the Rim, Inc.**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Weequahic Park Improvements, Basketball Courts**

**County: Essex**

Above the Rim, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements to the basketball facilities at Weequahic Park, a County-owned park bordered by Dayton Street, Elizabeth Avenue and Meeker Avenue in Newark. A new court will be installed, as well as new water fountains, upgraded lighting, an barrier-free restroom facility with a concession stand and storage, a pathway, landscaping, benches, and other park amenities.

## **Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Jesse Allen Park**

**County: Essex**

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, in cooperation with the City of Newark and other nonprofit organizations, proposes to renovate Jesse Allen Park, located at 41-55 Avon Avenue, between Irvine Turner Boulevard and Somerset Street. Proposed renovations include public plazas for gathering, pedestrian corridors, a playground, athletic courts, a multi-purpose field, and a passive recreation area.

**Branch Brook Park Alliance**  
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Branch Brook Park Mid-Lake Crescent Rehabilitation**

**County: Essex**

Branch Brook Park Alliance, in cooperation with the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, will continue its ongoing efforts to restore, renew, and assist in the maintenance of Branch Brook Park, located at Park Avenue and Lake Street in Newark. The current proposal includes restoration of the Olmsted design of roadways, pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and park entrances, plantings, and lighting.

**Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc.**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Fell House and Open Space**

**County: Bergen**

The Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc. would like to acquire 2.8 acres of land and the on-site historic home, and preserve it as a historical park and open space. The property is an important piece of land within a quarter of mile of the downtown area. It is across the street from the 100 acre Celery Farm Wetland Nature Preserve, run by the Fyke Nature Association. The Fell House acquisition will enhance the education and conservation value of the Celery Farm preserve. The site has been granted a Certificate of Eligibility for listing on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places.

## **Cooper's Ferry Development Association**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Waterfront Park Enhancement Project**

**County: Camden**

The Waterfront Enhancement project will build upon the existing open space on the Camden Waterfront and complete the transformation of this formerly industrial vacant land into a recreation facility and scenic corridor. This project includes bulkheading the last remaining pier along the waterfront, completing a 1.5 mile trail along the Delaware River. The final phase will include pedestrian areas, marina facilities, landscaping, and promenade improvements. This magnificent open space will continue to support the development of nearby cultural, educational, and entertainment attractions.

## **Council for the Arts of the Livingston Area, Inc.**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Riker Hill Art Project Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Council for the Arts of the Livingston Area, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements to Riker Hill Art Park, a County-owned park located in Livingston Township. Formerly a US Army Nike Missile Base, the property was acquired by the County in 1974, and now supports artists and their work. An interpretive trail connects the Art Park to Dinosaur Park and Becker Park, also part of the County Park system. The project includes new interpretive signage, panoramic viewing areas, improved drainage and lighting, and invasive species removal.

**D&R Greenway Land Trust**  
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Greenway Acquisitions**

**Counties: Burlington  
Hunterdon, Mercer,  
Middlesex, Monmouth,  
Somerset**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks funding to acquire lands throughout the Delaware and Raritan Greenway Watershed. The acquisitions will create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, other significant natural resources and critical habitat. Projects include:

**Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to complete central New Jersey's most established greenway by acquiring approximately 1,302 acres of land in Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The Stony Brook extends from its headwaters in the Sourland Mountains in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton Township. The proposed acquisitions will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

**Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition**

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, and other tributaries of the Delaware; and provide recreational opportunities in furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and local governments.



### **Griggstown Acquisitions**

D&R Greenway seeks to expand and connect the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township, Somerset County. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements may be transferred to the State, county or township as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D&R Canal State Park to be used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing); grassland bird habitat protection; and research by Rutgers University.

### **Sourland Mountains Acquisition**

Expanding on the Sourland Mountains Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,206 acres of land in the Sourland Mountains extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East and West Amwell townships, Hunterdon County to the Somerset County border in Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourland Mountains. The project area includes the mountain ridge between the Alexaquin and Moore's Creek stream corridors and will serve as a critical connector to the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The acquisition area will concentrate in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County and expand existing preserved lands to create a regional network of trails in both counties.

### **Upper Millstone Greenway**

D&R Greenway Land Trust plans to participate in the state's Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape project initiative by preserving land to create an east-west link along the Upper Millstone Greenway. The project area runs from Mercer County through Plainsboro and Cranbury Townships toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The project goal is to preserve stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration

corridors, wetlands, and woodlands. D & R Greenway's stream corridor protection plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Cranbury Townships. The long-term project goal is to assist Middlesex County in its effort to establish a public walkway and bikeway system along a preserved greenway and to establish a regional link across central New Jersey.

**Eagle Rock Reservation Conservancy, Inc.**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

**Eagle Rock Reservation Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Eagle Rock Conservancy proposes rehabilitation of and improvements to beautiful and historic Eagle Rock Reservation in West Orange Township. The Conservancy proposes to repair bridges and culverts; rehabilitate existing restroom, shelter, and maintenance buildings, retaining walls, trails, and equestrian paths; add pedestrian/safety lighting; install trail and park signage; restore meadow land; and refurbish landscaping. By undertaking these improvements, the Conservancy hopes to help prevent further deterioration of the Reservation and ensure that it will continue to provide a safe place for recreation and access to the natural world for many years to come.

**Helping People Help Themselves**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

**Destiny's Gate**

**County: Passaic**

Helping People Help Themselves, Inc. proposes to create Destiny's Gate, a recreation area to serve the needs of urban youth. The program will give youngsters the experience of camping, wildlife education, swimming, hiking, and other outdoor recreational activities. Proposed for the site are a pool, camping facilities, playground equipment, and improvements to the current trails at 441 Morsetown Road, West Milford.

### **Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse, Inc.**

\$ 137,500 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

#### **Community Boathouse**

**County: Hudson**

The proposed Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse is a public boathouse for the residents and visitors of Hoboken, sponsored by Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse, Inc. The boathouse facility will be developed as part of the proposed Hoboken Cove Park at the northern end of Hoboken, near the intersection of Park Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The boathouse facility and park will have direct access to the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, the 18.5 mile public walkway that connects communities from Bayonne to Fort Lee along the Hudson River. The proposed boathouse facility will allow the Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse organization to expand its free kayaking and educational programs.

### **Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

#### **Hunterdon Open Space**

**County: Hunterdon**

The Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, in partnership with others, plans to acquire lands within the Delaware River watershed and its associated tributaries, as well as lands within the Hunterdon plateau, totaling more than 350 acres.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance seeks funding to continue its preservation efforts throughout the County, to protect rural agricultural landscapes and forests, enhance biodiversity, and provide water quality protection. The organization has ongoing initiatives in the Musconetcong Mountains, identified as a critical treasure of the NJ Highlands Region; the Sourland Mountains Region, which encompasses a vast forested plateau extending through East and West Amwell to the County border and having a profound effect on groundwater quality; and the Delaware River Bluffs, which extend along the western boundary of the entire County and are

comprised of ancient geological features, endangered plant species and which filter many Delaware River tributaries.

### **Ironbound Community Corporation**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

#### **Riverfront Property Acquisition**

**County: Essex**

The Ironbound Community Corporation, in partnership with the County of Essex, plans to acquire a parcel located between Raymond Boulevard and the Passaic River. The acquisition will provide recreation opportunities and access to the Passaic River for the densely populated Ironbound community in Newark City. Future plans include revitalizing the property to be a waterfront park that will become part of Essex County's park system.

### **Lamington Conservancy**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

#### **Central Lamington Project**

**County: Morris**

The project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River drainage located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon counties. Lamington Conservancy plans to work closely with partner nonprofits and governments in identifying and targeting acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within the target area of Tewksbury, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

## **Monmouth Conservation Foundation**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

### **Open Space Plans 2**

**County: Monmouth**

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and those municipalities which have passed open space referenda: Borough of Atlantic Highlands, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Manasquan Borough, Middletown Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Spring Lake Heights, Tinton Falls Borough, and Upper Freehold Township.

Areas of focus are: 1) farmlands and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold) and 2) the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township. Some of Monmouth Conservation Foundation's recent preservation efforts are focused on sites adjacent to Monmouth County Huber Woods and Hartshorne Woods Parks in Middletown Township, and Clayton Park and Crosswicks Creek linear parks in Upper Freehold Township.

## **Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Glenfield Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, plans improvements at Glenfield Park which is bordered by Maple, Woodland, and Bloomfield Avenues in Montclair and Glen Ridge Townships. The plans call for the regrading and resurfacing of the softball fields and the regrading of the football field. The old fitness course will be removed and new fitness stations will be installed throughout the perimeter path. The irrigation system will be

improved, a new gazebo constructed, and missing fencing will be replaced. The request also includes dredging, repairing of channel walls, and replacement of historic balustrade at The Glen. Eroded slopes will be replanted, safety railings added, and a lighted, paved path will be installed.

**Morris Land Conservancy**

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

**Counties: Bergen, Essex,  
Morris, Passaic, Somerset,  
Sussex, Warren**

Morris Land Conservancy has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare open space plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in cooperative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas.

Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The proposed Troy Meadows acquisition is a cooperative project with the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of New Jersey to acquire property as part of the Preservation of Natural Flood Storage Areas element of the Passaic River Flood Damage Reduction project.

**Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**

\$ 92,750 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

**Peek Preserve Visitor Center**

**County: Cumberland**

The Natural Lands Trust proposes to construct a Visitor Center for the Peek Preserve in Millville. This visitor center will provide bathrooms, kitchenette and storage for NLT's

fleet of 6 canoes and 12 kayaks, which are currently being used for trips on the Maurice River and other nearby waterways. Additionally, a small conference room with a view of the river and a connected observation deck will facilitate small indoor and larger outdoor meetings and wildlife observation experiences.

**New Jersey Audubon Society**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

**Gurdon Wattles Sanctuary**

**County: Warren**

The site is primarily agricultural land with small patches of woodlands. There is a small woodland buffer along the portion of the property that is adjacent to the Musconetcong River. The property includes a house, barn and two out buildings. Many of the open fields on and around the property support State-listed grassland bird species and, as a result, are critical grassland bird habitat. Additionally, the Musconetcong River is a Category One waterway and is important in terms of drinking water and trout production. It is the Audubon Society's intention to keep the property as a natural wildlife sanctuary.

**New Jersey Conservation Foundation**

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

**Priority Area Acquisitions**

**Counties: Atlantic, Burlington,  
Camden, Hunterdon, Mercer,  
Middlesex, Morris, Ocean,  
Passaic, Salem, Somerset,  
Sussex, Union, Warren**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has successfully established itself throughout the State with specific regional managers in five regions: Highlands, Western

Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far reaching preservation efforts, NJCF will add Andover Township in Sussex County into its Highlands Region Project Area in order to facilitate the acquisition of tracts associated with the State's 2006 Federal Forest Legacy Grant award. In addition, NJCF has expanded the Delaware Bay project area to include Elsinboro, Pennsville, Mannington, Pilesgrove, Upper Pittsgrove, and Pittsgrove townships, all in Salem County, an area experiencing a sudden increase in development pressure. The NJCF is now facilitating land acquisition projects through the deployment of staff in all five regions of the State simultaneously, involving thousands of acres of New Jersey's landscape.

## **PROJECT AREAS:**

### **Appalachian Trail Buffers**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation has identified lands to be protected along this world-famous corridor including properties in Sussex County.

### **Arthur Kill Greenway**

The project is designed to protect in a connected greenway the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters. Despite the high population density and profusion of industrial, commercial and residential areas in the watershed, land along the tributaries of the Arthur Kill still supports high quality natural areas and diverse wildlife.

### **Black River Greenway / North Branch of the Raritan River**

NJCF seeks to acquire lands along Black River and Bamboo Brook adjacent to Hacklebarney State Park. Lands may be transferred to the state or county park system for management.

### **Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust (which is also receiving Green Acres funding), proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area consists of the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations'



primary objective would be to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land would include hiking on the existing trails

### **Camden Parks and Greenways**

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, as part of its Urban Parks Program, is pursuing open space preservation opportunities in coordination with State, county, city and other nonprofit efforts. Currently, NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware Rivers as part of the Camden Greenway. Current preservation opportunities range from shrub/scrub, semi-natural lands to abandoned industrial sites. NJCF plans to connect existing preserved lands and city "pocket parks" to expand the Camden Greenway and Park system.

### **Ellwood Corridor Project**

This project provides for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

### **Forked River Mountain Additions**

Through this project, NJCF seeks to protect approximately 20,000 acres of vacant, privately owned pristine Pine Barrens, known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens.

### **Four Mile Circle**

The Four Mile Circle area is south of Brendan T. Byrne State Forest (formerly known as Lebanon State Forest) and the New Lisbon Developmental Center, adjacent to the southeast side of Rt. 70, and straddles Sooy Road in Woodland Township. The area contains headwaters and tributaries of the Burrs Mill Brook. The entire project is located in the Pinelands and will connect public and private conservation lands.

### **Greater Kettle Run**

In Burlington County, thousands of upland forest acres are fast becoming a development target.

The Kettle Run watershed and its associated ecosystems will be protected through the preservation of this region.

### **Highlands Region**

This project area includes critical landscapes associated with the Musconetcong Mountain and River Valley in Hunterdon and Morris Counties, Scott's Mountain in Warren County, the Vernon Marsh in Sussex County, Arcadia Lake, Pyramid Mountain and the Pequannock Watershed land in Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties.

### **Western Piedmont**

Included in this area are the forested stream corridors and headwaters of the Wickecheoke Creek, the Back Brook, and the deeply forested Sourland Mountains.

### **North Ward Center**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

The North Ward Center, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreational facilities of the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville Township. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and, at almost 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and other park amenities such as benches and fountains.

**Passaic River Coalition**  
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Passaic River Preservation Project**

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris,  
Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union**

The Passaic River Coalition has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the Passaic River Basin. Properties to be acquired will provide watershed and water supply protection, and waterfront access.

**Central Passaic Basin Protection:** Acquisition of property in Essex and Morris counties within the Central Passaic Basin for headwater protection, water quality protection, flood plain protection, and wetlands protection.

**Clinton Woods:** Acquisition of a 42 acre property adjacent to Bearfort Mountain Natural Area and Waywayanda State Park in West Milford Township.

**Greenwood Lake/Wanaque River Greenway:** Acquisition of property in Passaic County for waterfront access to and protection of Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque River.

**Liberty Corner Greenway/Upper Passaic River Greenway:** Acquisition of wetlands and flood plain areas along the Upper Passaic River and tributaries in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties for stream corridor and water quality protection.

**Lower Passaic River Greenway:** Targeting properties to provide waterfront access in densely populated areas in Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties.

**Pequannock/Pompton Greenway:** Preservation of properties in the Pequannock River Watershed in Morris and Passaic counties.

**Ramapo Greenway:** Acquisition of property in the Ramapo Mountain region in Bergen and Passaic counties adjacent to local and county parkland and in proximity to Ringwood State Park.

**Russia Brook/Rockaway River Greenway:** Acquisition of property along the Russia Brook, which is a headwater tributary of the Rockaway River, and along the Rockaway River in Morris and Sussex counties.

**Saddle River Watershed:** Acquisition of property within the Saddle River watershed in Bergen County, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Saddle River.

**Upper Passaic Watershed Protection:** Acquisition of property within the Upper Passaic River watershed in Morris and Somerset counties, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Upper Passaic River.

**Urban Passaic Watershed:** Acquisition of properties for waterfront access in urban areas of Essex and Passaic counties.

**Wyanokie Highlands:** Acquisition of property between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County. Lands acquired will provide a buffer to and linkage between the park and reservoir.

### **Ridge and Valley Conservancy**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

### **Open Space Conservation Plan**

**Counties: Sussex, Warren**

These projects involve preserving limestone forest communities, wetland bogs, areas of contiguous forest or forest buffer areas, and prime farmland throughout Sussex and Warren counties. Proposed use is for preservation and restoration of native species, including rare

plants and endangered animal species; and soil and water quality protection. Proposed use of the sites is for natural resource protection, hiking on designated trails, environmental education programs, and natural resource interpretive activities.

**Roberto Clemente League**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

**Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

The Roberto Clemente League, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreational facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville Township. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and at almost 360 acres it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and other park amenities such as benches and fountains.

**Save Ellis Island**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

**Ellis Island Open Space Project**

**County: Hudson**

With the National Park Service, Save Ellis Island proposes to develop 7.4 acres of open space between the hospital and infectious disease wards. The lawn area, originally created in the 1920s, will be improved by the removal of volunteer trees and shrubs with only historic trees to remain (Elms, Maples, London Planes, Pin Oaks and Apple). The lawn will be opened for managed access events, including public tours, festivals and concerts. The pavilion, with unparalleled views of the New York Harbor, will be restored and used in connection with the adaptive re-use of the Ellis Island buildings.

**Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

**Schiff-Mount Paul Greenway**

**County: Morris**

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, environmental education and the stewardship of the natural environment.

The Trust owns and operates the Schiff Nature Preserve in Chester Township, Mendham Township, and Mendham Borough. The Schiff Nature Preserve is part of a regional greenway known as the Mount Paul County Park Greenway. This greenway connects Mount Paul County Park, the Burnett Brook Natural Area, and the Ralston Historic, Recreation and Natural Area to Schiff's 340-acre nature preserve.

Schiff Natural Lands Trust has identified various parcels for acquisition adjacent to its Preserve. It seeks to link nearby municipal parks to the Preserve and to establish connections with many of its existing conservation easements.

**South Jersey Land Trust**

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

**Raccoon and Oldmans Creek**

**Counties: Gloucester, Salem**

This project focuses on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainageways of Raccoon and Oldmans Creeks. Particular emphasis will be placed on the "priority habitats" that were identified by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in its study of the region, "Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed." The Trust plans to expand its preservation efforts to include the Township of Carney's Point, Oldmans Township and Pilesgrove Township in Salem County.

## **South Mountain Conservancy**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **South Mountain Reservation**

**County: Essex**

The Friends of Essex County Parks, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements at South Mountain Reservation, which is located in the Townships of West Orange, South Orange, Maplewood and Millburn. The project includes extensive tree planting, restoration of the meadows, reconstruction of damaged trails and replacement of culverts.

## **The Nature Conservancy**

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

### **Priority Areas Acquisition**

**Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Ocean, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren**

The Nature Conservancy seeks to acquire land in several active projects. These include: Cape May Project Area, in Cape May and Cumberland Counties; Delaware Bayshore, in Cumberland County; High Mountain Preserve, in Passaic County; Limestone Forest, in Sussex and Warren Counties; Maurice River Project Area, in Cumberland County; East and West Plains and Oswego River Lowlands, in Burlington and Ocean Counties; Elwood Corridor and Hirst Ponds, in Atlantic County; and Forked River Mountain, in Ocean County. The Nature Conservancy priority acquisitions include:

### **Cape May Project Area**

An environmentally sensitive 322 acres, located throughout Cape May and Cumberland counties, consists of: beaches, mudflats and salt marshes lining the Delaware Bay; the lowland forests of Lizard Tail Swamp and Indian Trail Swamp; the coastal plain ponds at Bennett Bogs; the tidal marshes and oak pine forests of the Eldora site; the headwaters at Goshen Ponds; and wetlands

and forests of the Cape May peninsula. This open space preservation will provide for such expanded recreational activities as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography and hunting, by permit, at designated locations.

### **Delaware Bay**

The Nature Conservancy has identified the need to preserve 1,160 acres to protect critical habitat for spring migratory shorebirds and globally rare plants in the Delaware Bayshore and to expand recreational activities such as hiking, birding, nature study and wildlife photography.

### **High Mountain Preserve**

High Mountain Park Preserve was one of the original cooperative projects between a nonprofit, a local government and the State, all using Green Acres funds. Portions of the 298 acres are jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy, Wayne Township, and the NJDEP. The Nature Conservancy plans to continue its acquisition of adjacent lands to add to High Mountain Park Preserve.

### **Limestone Forest**

Additions to the Conservancy's existing holdings of 351 acres in the Limestone Forest of Warren and Sussex counties.

### **Maurice River Project Area**

Three sites within the Maurice River watershed and its tributaries, with acquisition of approximately 1,700 acres. The property consists of the brackish to freshwater tidal marshes and associated forests along the Maurice River North, as well as those along the Manantico Creek, in addition to the extensive wild rice tidal marsh along the Manumuskin River. These lands will provide for expanded recreational activities such as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography and horseback riding, by permit, at a designated location.

### **East and West Plains**

The East Plains protects exemplary occurrences of the globally imperiled upland community - pine plains - as well as a number of associated rare species including broom crowberry



(*Corema conradii*) and Buchholz's dart moth (*Argotis buchholzi*). The boundaries of this site are drawn to protect the fireshed of the pitch pine plains also known as the pygmy or dwarf pine forest. The fireshed boundary is comprised of firebreaks such as wetlands, stream corridors, roads and development and defines the extent of the area that would burn if subjected to a fire. The East Plains project would add 300 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

The pygmy pine or dwarf pine forests found in the Pine Barrens' West Plains site are internationally recognized as an ecologically important and globally imperiled resource. These areas are often referred to as "pine plains" and are dominated by a serotinous (closed-cone) race of pitch pine from four to 10 feet high, whose cones open and release seeds only after being subjected to the high temperatures associated with fire. Both globally rare and state-rare species have also been recorded within the site. The West Plains project would establish a new preserve totaling 2,414 acres.

### **Oswego River Lowlands**

The Oswego River Lowlands site in Bass River and Woodland Townships, Burlington County, is an approximately 10-mile-long and one-mile-wide streamside corridor of Pine Barrens wetlands dominated by pitch pine lowland forest, cedar swamps, hardwood swamps and Pine Barren savannas. The diverse landscape of communities supports numerous globally and state-rare species. This project represents a 450-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

### **Elwood Corridor**

This 3,000-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings will provide for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

### **Hirst Ponds**

Located in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, near the southern end of the Pine Barrens on the outer coastal plain, this site encompasses two high quality coastal plain vernal ponds - Hirst Pond and Barkwoods Pond - which together support several globally imperiled plant species, including critically imperiled Hirst Brothers' panic grass, as well as the state endangered

pine barrens tree frog. Coastal plain vernal ponds have severely declined in number over the past two centuries. The project would add 40 to 60 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

### **Forked River Mountains**

This central Pinelands area is dominated by pitch pine oak forest and cedar and hardwood swamps, pitch pine lowlands and bogs. This project would add 7,900 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

## **Trust For Public Land**

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

### **Project Priority Areas**

**Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren**

### **Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition**

The Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition Project Area includes 297 acres in Egg Harbor, Galloway and Hamilton townships. Some of the property is environmentally sensitive, but the majority of land to be purchased has recreational development potential and will serve active recreation needs. All land is in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

### **Bay to Bay/I-195 Corridor**

The Bay to Bay project area connects the Century Plan and Harbor Estuary Project Areas, and extends west along the Interstate 195 corridor through central New Jersey.

### **Bergen County Open Space Plan Partnership**

Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Bergen County Open Space & Recreation Plan, including lands identified for preservation in the Highlands.

### **Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative**

This property is a mix of upland and wetland forest and is currently vacant land in an aquifer recharge area. The land is in the headwaters of Toms River, Oyster Creek, the South Branch of the Metedeconk River, and Manahawkin Mill Creek. Future use will be consistent with habitat conservation in conjunction with passive recreational use, including research, education, and wildlife observation.

### **Camden Balanced Communities Act**

TPL has targeted 300 acres of land for preservation in the Camden Greenways/Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Voorhees Township Open Space and Recreation Plan. The majority of the property is being obtained for passive recreation, including research, education, and wildlife observation. Targeted lands include stream corridors, forests, wetlands, and habitat for native, rare, endangered, and threatened species.

### **Congress Hall Lawn Acquisition**

TPL seeks to acquire a 2-acre property that is the only undeveloped oceanfront parcel left in Cape May City. Currently used as parking in the summer, the lot is poorly maintained cement, lawn, and dirt. The goal is to acquire an easement and return the Lawn to a commons area.

### **Delaware River Inland**

TPL will augment Burlington County's comprehensive land preservation effort by partnering with the County and the Rancocas Conservancy, a local nonprofit, in implementing Burlington County's Farmland and Open Space Strategic Plans.

### **Essex County Open Space**

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Essex County Open Space Plan.

### **Harbor Estuary Acquisition**

Trust for Public Land will expand the Arthur Kill River watershed protection project by acquiring the remaining viable wetland systems in the area, including salt marshes, freshwater

wetlands, and adjacent forests. The project area spans four counties and seven municipalities along the Arthur Kill River and its watershed surrounding the New Jersey Harbor (part of the greater New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary and Bight that stretches from the tidal boundaries on the Hudson River to the confluence of the Hudson, Arthur Kill, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor. This area is New Jersey's most developed and densely populated. The conservation value of the remaining salt marshes, freshwater wetlands and adjacent forests is, therefore, extremely significant.

### **Hudson County Open Space**

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan.

### **Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership**

Trust for Public Land proposes to partner with Hunterdon County to acquire properties and easements identified in the County's Open Space Plan. The proposed areas of preservation are mostly open space, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetland areas. Future use, in most cases, will be consistent with active or passive recreation, with conservation of sensitive areas.

### **Long Valley Open Space**

TPL is working in Washington Township, Morris County, to create a greenway between the Musconetcong River and South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Stony Brook drainage area. The Stony Brook is a Category 1 trout production stream. Preserved lands will be used for passive recreation such as hiking and fishing.

### **Metedeconk Watershed Protection**

The proposed areas of preservation are part of the Metedeconk River Watershed in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Properties targeted are mostly open, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetlands areas. The Metedeconk Watershed is a 70-square mile sub-watershed of the Barnegat Bay watershed. The biggest challenge facing this watershed is the booming population growth rate, which has led to the loss of forests and small isolated wetlands. Present zoning in the watershed would allow most of the open space to be developed.

### **Morris Open Space Acquisition**

Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands adjacent to Allamuchy State Park, the Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Sanctuary, and Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Federal Forest Legacy and Land and Water Conservation Fund money may be used to assist with these acquisitions. Preserved properties will add to and provide a buffer to existing open space.

### **Sussex Open Space Partnership**

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Sussex County.

### **Upper Delaware River Watershed**

Trust for Public Land is negotiating to acquire hundreds of acres of land located along Scotts Mountain, linking to Jenny Jump State Forest. These acquisitions are aimed at protecting source water supplies and will supplement existing regional parkland resources.

### **Wanaque Gap**

As part of its work to preserve water supply areas in northern New Jersey, TPL has targeted a large "gap" of unprotected land in the Wanaque watershed immediately south of Sterling Forest, between the northern and southern portions of Norvin Green State Forest. This land will be acquired and/or protected through conservation easements.

### **United Community Corporation**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

### **West Side Park Rehabilitation**

**County: Essex**

In cooperation with Essex County, a consortium of nonprofit organizations and community groups have developed a master plan for improvements at West Side Park, which is owned and managed by Essex County, and located at 18th Avenue between 13th and 17th Streets in Newark. West Side Park, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's, is the ninth largest park in the Essex County park system, and serves a very densely populated

area of the City. The master plan proposes construction of park amenities in several phases, and includes basketball courts, playgrounds, spray pools, pedestrian paths, installation of lighting, restroom improvements, water fountains and benches. In addition, construction of a pergola, a band shell and extensive landscaping are planned. It is anticipated that the improved park facilities will better serve the needs of the community, while respecting the park's Olmsted heritage.

### **Verona Park Conservancy**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

#### **Verona Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Verona Park Conservancy, established in 1996, has worked with the Essex County Parks Department to protect and enhance Essex County's Olmsted legacy in Verona Park. This 54 acre park features a 1.3 acre walking path and 13 acre lake, providing water access in a densely populated region. At this time, the Conservancy proposes to renovate the fitness path with new equipment and add child size fitness equipment, restore the Olmsted landscape design, restore the lakeshore with native vegetation and boardwalks, improve drainage, repair the historic Wallenburg Bridge and fieldstone bandhouse, and repair the dam.

### **West Essex Park Conservancy, Inc.**

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

#### **Hatfield Swamp Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The West Essex Park Conservancy, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements to West Essex Park, in which Hatfield Swamp is situated. The project is located in Roseland Borough and is bordered by the Passaic River, Passaic Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. The West Essex Park Conservancy proposes to renovate the Ecological Pond, construct a

canoe launch area, renovate the canoe storage area, create a riverside trail, improve the existing trails and boardwalks, expand the display gardens, improve picnic areas, and install other park amenities.

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